

Introduced by Senator Migden

January 31, 2006

An act to add Section 120156 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to vaccines.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1220, as introduced, Migden. Vaccines: influenza.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to provide appropriate flu vaccine to local governmental or private, nonprofit agencies at no charge in order that the agencies may provide the vaccine, at a minimal cost, at accessible locations in the order of priority first for all persons 60 years of age or older in this state and then to any other high-risk groups identified by the United States Public Health Service. The department and the California Department of Aging are required to prepare, publish, and disseminate information regarding the availability of the vaccine and the effectiveness of the vaccine in protecting the health of older persons.

This bill would require the department to establish a bulk purchasing program for influenza vaccine that will be available to smaller physician practices and would authorize the department to implement this program through an expansion of the program in the above described provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 120156 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:

1 120156. The department shall establish a bulk purchasing
2 program for influenza vaccine on behalf of smaller physician
3 practices, as determined by the department, to facilitate the
4 timely distribution of the vaccine to the public. The department
5 shall establish a process for the smaller physician practices to
6 order the influenza vaccine from the department. The department
7 may implement this program through an expansion of the
8 program established pursuant to Section 104900.

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